

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26, and ending at page 2, line 11, with:

The one connector housing 102 which is a first article has a concave groove 104 in which the packing 101 is to be accommodated. It is now assumed that the packing 101 is accommodated in the concave groove 104. When the other connector housing 103 is coupled with the one connector housing 102, as shown in Fig. 12B, the one connector housing 102 is ~~crushed~~ compressed by the outer face of the other connector housing 103 so that it is elastically deformed. The packing 101 makes watertight (also referred to "seal" or "waterproof") the boundary between the inner face of the concave groove 104, i.e. the one connector housing 102 and the connector housing 103.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, and ending at page 2, line 17, with:

It is expected that the packing 101 surely waterproof the boundary between the articles such as the above connector housings 102 and 103. In order that the boundary between the articles is waterproofed, the packing 101 is ~~crushed~~ compressed by a prescribed distance to be elastically deformed when the boundary between the articles is waterproofed.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 and ending on page 2, line 26, with:

On the other hand, the packing 101 employed for waterproofing the boundary between the connector housings has a round shape in section in an initial state where it is not still elastically deformed. When the packing 101 is elastically deformed as a result of having been ~~crushed~~ compressed by a prescribed distance, its width is increased. As a result, the width of the concave groove 104 must be also increased. Thus, the connector housing 102 tends to be ~~upsized~~ larger. However, it is of course demanded that the connector is ~~down-sized~~ smaller.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1, and ending at page 3, line 8, with:

It is also demanded that the packing 101 is ~~down-sized~~ smaller. It can be therefore proposed that the packing is caused to have a width smaller than a thickness as shown in Fig. 13A. It can also be proposed that the width of the concave groove 104 formed in the one connector housing 102 is reduced so that the packing 101 has the elastic deformation enough to waterproof the boundary between the articles, thereby ~~downsizing~~ allowing the connector housing 102 to be smaller.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9 and ending on page 3, line 16, with:

In this case, since the width is smaller than the thickness, when the articles are brought to each other so that the packing 101 is ~~crushed~~ compressed in a direction of thickness, the packing 101 may ~~fall-down~~ fall or roll to one side as indicated by two-dot chain line in Fig. 13B. The contact face pressure between the packing 101 and the

article cannot be kept so that the packing 101 can not surely waterproof the boundary between the articles.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, and ending on page 3, line 19, with:

Thus, a first object of this invention is to provide a smaller packing ~~which can be downsized~~ and surely ~~[[.]]~~ waterproof the boundary between articles.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, and ending on page 3, line 23, with:

A second object of this invention is to provide a connector equipped with a smaller packing ~~which can be downsized~~ and surely waterproof the boundary between a connector housing and a complementary connector housing.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12, and ending on page 4, line 26, with:

In this configuration, a securing portion to be secured to the first article is attached to a protruding piece which protrudes from a position where the thickness of the packing is divided into two segments. For this reason, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen-down~~ fall or roll to one side, the an elastic restoring force is produced in the direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the protruding piece. Thus, if the securing portion is secured to the first article, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen-down~~ fall or roll to one side as a result of having been

pushed by the second article, the elastic restoring force acts in a direction opposite to the direction in which the packing is pushed by the second article. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the first article and second article, thereby keeping watertight the boundary between the first article and second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1, and ending on page 5, line 3, with:

Further, since the width is smaller than the thickness, the packing itself can be downsized smaller and hence the article can be downsized smaller.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4, and ending on page 5, line 18, with:

Preferably, the protruding piece is a protruding piece which protrudes inwardly from an inner edge of the solid-core ring-shaped packing. In this configuration, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force is produced in the direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the inner protruding piece. Thus, since the securing portion is attached to the first article, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side as a result of having been pushed by the second article, the an elastic restoring force is produced in the packing in a direction opposite to the direction in which the packing body is pushed by the second article. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~

falling or rolling to one side between the first article and second article, thereby keeping watertight the boundary between the first article and second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19, and ending on page 6, line 7, with:

Preferably, the protruding piece is a protruding piece which protrudes outwardly from an outer edge of the solid-core ring-shaped packing. In this configuration, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force is produced in the direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the outer protruding piece. Thus, since the securing portion is secured to the first article, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side as a result of having been pushed by the second article, ~~the~~ an elastic restoring force is produced in a direction opposite to the direction in which the packing body is pushed by the second article. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the first article and second article, thereby keeping watertight the boundary between the first article and second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12, and ending on page 6, line 22, with:

In this configuration, the protruding pin which protrudes from the first article is inserted in the hole which passes through the protruding piece so that the protruding piece can be surely secured to the first article. For this reason, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force can be surely

produced in a direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the outer protruding piece. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side, between the first article and the second article, thereby keeping watertight the boundary between the first article and the second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 2, and ending on page 7, line 12, with:

In this configuration, the securing piece which protrudes toward the first article from the protruding piece is secured in a receiving hole formed in the first article so that the protruding piece can be secured to the first article. For this reason, when the packing body is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force can be surely produced in a direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the outer protruding piece. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the first article and the second article, thereby keeping watertight the boundary between the first article and the second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 23, and ending on page 8, line 4, with:

In accordance with this configuration, the one contact portion is elastically deformed along the one surface to-keep watertight the boundary between itself and the one surface. The other contact portion is elastically deformed in a direction of being ~~crushed~~ compressed toward the other surface to keep watertight the boundary between

itself and the other surface. Thus, the packing surely keeps watertight the boundary between the first article and the second article.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11, and ending on page 8, line 24, with:

In accordance with this configuration, when the packing body is pushed by the complementary connector housing and about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the an elastic restoring force can be surely produced in a direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body and the protruding piece. Namely, since the securing piece is secured to the connector housing, when the packing is pushed by the complementary connector housing and about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force is generated in a direction opposite to the direction of being pushed from the complementary connector. This prevents the packing from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the connector housing and the complementary connector housing, thereby surely keeping watertight the boundary between the connector housing and the complementary connector housing.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 25, and ending on page 9, line 1, with:

Further, since the width of the packing body is smaller than the thickness, the packing itself can be ~~downsized~~ smaller and the connector housing can be ~~downsized~~ smaller.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 24, and ending on page 15, line 6, with:

The packing body 13 is provided between the connector housing 3 and complementary connector housing 6 in such a manner that the first contact portion 18 is in contact with the bottom 9a of the concave groove 9 and the second contact portion 19 is elastically deformed ~~in a state crushed~~ when compressed by the outer surface 6a. Thus, the packing 1 keeps watertight the boundary between the bottom 9a of the concave groove 9, i.e. connector housing 3 and the outer surface 6a, i.e. connector housing 6.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 7, and ending on page 15, line 16, with:

The outer protruding pieces 14, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 6, are provided at both outer edges in the width direction of the packing body 13. The outer protruding pieces 14 each protrudes outwardly of the packing body 13 from the outer edge of the packing body 13. The outer protruding pieces 14 ~~protrudes~~ protrude from the position P1 ~~where the thickness T of the packing body 13 is divided into two segments at a midpoint along the thickness T of the packing body 13. Incidentally, in an illustrated example, the thickness of the packing body 13 is divided into two equal segments at the position P1.~~

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 17, and ending on page 15, line 22, with:

~~The outer protruding piece 14 may protrude from the position where the thickness T of the packing body 13 is divided into two equal segments.~~ The outer protruding piece 14, when the packing body 13 is accommodated in the concave groove 9, overlaps the receiving hole 10. The same number of outer protruding pieces 14 as the receiving holes 10 are provided.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 23, and ending on page 16, line 3, with:

The inner protruding pieces 15, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 7, protrude inwardly of the packing body 13 from the inner edge of the packing body 13. The inner protruding piece 15 protrudes from the position P2 ~~where the thickness T of the packing body 13 is divided into two segments.~~ Incidentally, in the illustrated example, the thickness T of the packing body 13 is divided into two equal segments at a midpoint along the thickness T of the packing body 13.

Please substitute the paragraph on page 16, line 4, and ending on page 16, line 9, with:

~~The inner protruding piece 15 may protrude from the position where the thickness T of the packing body 13 is divided into two equal segments.~~ The inner protruding piece 15, when the packing body 13 is accommodated in the concave groove 9, overlaps the protruding pin 11. The same number of inner protruding pieces 15 as the protruding pins 11 are provided.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 8, and ending on page 17, line 13, with:

Thus, for example, the second contact portion 19 is about be bent along arrow H1 in Fig. 10 and arrow J1 in Fig. 11 by the complementary connector housing 6. Namely, the second contact portion 19 is about to ~~be fallen down inwardly of the packing body 13 along~~ fall or roll in the direction of arrows H1 and J1 in Figs. 10 and 11 around the first contact portion 18.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 14, and ending on page 17, line 22, with:

Then, the securing pieces 17 are secured in the receiving holes 10 , respectively and the protruding pins 11 are inserted in the holes 16, respectively so that the outer and inner protruding pieces 14 and 15 are fixed to the connector housing 3. Thus, the elastic restoring force is produced in the packing 1 along arrows H2 and J2 in Figs. 10 and 11, opposite to the arrows H1 and J1. The packing body 13 is prevented from ~~being falling down~~ falling or rolling along the arrows H1 and J1 around the first contact portion 18.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 23, and ending on page 18, line 4, with:

Thus, the connector housing 3 and the complementary connector housing 6 are coupled with each other. The first contact portion 18 is brought into contact with the bottom 9a of the concave groove 9, whereas the second contact portion 19 is elastically

deformed in a direction of being ~~crushed~~ compressed so that the packing 1 keeps watertight the boundary between the flange 8 of the connector housing 3 and the complementary connector housing 6.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 5, and ending on page 18, line 10, with:

The second contact portion 19 may be about to be bent along arrow H2 in Fig. 10 and J2 in Fig. 11 by the complementary connector housing 6. Namely, the second contact portion 19 may be about to ~~be fallen down outwardly of the packing body 13~~ fall or roll along arrows H2 and J2 around the first contact portion 18.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 11, and ending on page 18, line 19, with:

Meanwhile, the securing pieces 17 have been secured in the receiving holes 10, respectively, and the protruding pins 11 have been inserted in the holes 10, respectively so that the outer and inner protruding pieces 14 and 15 are fixed to the connector housing 3. For this reason, the elastic restoring force is produced in the packing 1 along arrows H1 and J1 opposite to arrows H2 and J2. Thus, the packing body 13 is prevented from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling along arrows H2 and J2 around the first contact portion 18.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 20, and ending on page 18, line 23, with:

In this way, the outer protruding pieces 14 and 15 serve as propping bars or pulling bars so that packing 13 ~~can prevent the packing body 13 from being fallen-down~~ falling or rolling around the first contact portion 18.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 24, and ending on page 19, line 8, with:

In accordance with this embodiment, the protruding pieces 14 and 15 which protrude from positions P1 and P2, respectively, at a midpoint along where the thickness T of the packing body 13 ~~is divided into two segments~~ are provided with securing pieces 17 and holes 16, respectively, which serve as securing portions to be secured to the connector housing 3. The securing pieces 17 and holes 16 are secured to the connector housing 3 so that when the packing body 13 is about to ~~be fallen-down~~ fall or roll to one side, the an elastic restoring force is produced in the direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body 13 and the protruding pieces 14 and 15 along arrows H1, H2 and J1, J2.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 9, and ending on page 18, line 19, with:

Thus, since the securing pieces 17 and holes 16 which serve as the securing portions are secured to the connector housing 3, when the packing 1 is pushed by the complementary connector housing 6 so as to ~~be fallen-down~~ fall or roll to one side, the elastic restoring force is produced in the packing 1 in the direction opposite to the direction of being pushed by the complementary connector housing. This prevents the

packing body 13 from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the connector housing 3 and the complementary connector housing. Thus, the packing 1 surely keeps watertight the boundary between the connector housing 3 and the supplementary connector housing 6.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 20, and ending on page 19, line 23, with:

Since the width W of the packing body 13 is smaller than the thickness T thereof, the packing 1 itself can be ~~downsized~~ smaller and the width of the concave groove 9 can be decreased. Thus, the connector housing 3 can be also ~~downsized~~ smaller.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 13, and ending on page 20, line 23, with:

Thus, since the securing pieces 17 and holes 16 which serve as the securing portions are secured to the connector housing 3, when the packing 1 is about to ~~be fallen down~~ fall or roll to one side, the an elastic restoring force is produced in the direction of being extended or shrunk between the packing body 13 and the protruding pieces 14 and 15 along arrows H1, H2 and J1, J2. This prevents the packing body 13 from ~~being fallen down~~ falling or rolling to one side between the connector housing 3 and the supplementary connector housing 6. Thus, the packing 1 surely keeps watertight the boundary between the connector housing 3 and the supplementary connector housing 6.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 24, and ending on page 21, line 6, with:

The first contact portion 18 is formed along the bottom 9a of the concave groove 9 of the connector housing 3. The second contact portion 19 is formed to be tapered toward the outer surface 6a of the supplementary connector housing 6. The packing 1 will be elastically deformed in a direction in which the first contact portion 18 extends along the bottom 9a of the concave groove 9 of the connector housing 3 and the second contact portion 19 is ~~crushed~~ compressed toward the outer surface 6a of the supplementary connector housing 6.